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Response to Election

1. The reply filed on October 9, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): applicant has failed to clearly indicate which species is being elected and which claims are readable thereon, as required. In the abovementioned reply, applicant states: "Applicant provisionally elects prosecution on claims 1-5, 8, 9, 13-17 and 19, *each related to the embodiments as shown in Figures 1 through 3.*" This reply is not clear as stated. Is applicant electing the first species or the embodiment of Figures 1 through 3 as identified in the election requirement by the examiner? If so, do the claims identified in the abovequoted reply actually read on the elected species or are they merely *related to* the elected species? Also, does applicant consider Figures 1 through 3 to constitute a single embodiment or plural embodiments? See MPEP 809.02(a) and/or refer to the election requirement, Paper No. 2, for more information. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Ciric, whose telephone number is (703) 308-3925. While she works a flexible schedule that varies from day to day and from week to week, Examiner Ciric

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0861.

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